

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday May 3, 2023
9:01 a.m.**

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & COMMENTS**
 - a. JUVENILE COURT**
 - b. DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
 - c. PUBLIC DEFENDER (JUVENILE DEPENDENCY)**
 - d. COUNTY COUNSEL**
 - e. PROBATION DEPARTMENT**
 - f. OC SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT**
 - g. SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**
 - h. SANTA ANA SCHOOL POLICE DEPARTMENT**
 - i. SOCIAL SERVICES**
 - j. HEALTHCARE AGENCY, CHILDREN AND YOUTH BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH**
 - k. HEALTHCARE AGENCY, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES**
 - l. DEPARTEMNT OF EDUCATION INSTITUTIONALSCHOOLS**
 - m. CASA**
 - n. PROJECT YOUTH ORANGE COUNTY**
 - o. LAW OFFICES OF HAROLD LAFLAMME**
- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE**
- 5) REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**
- 6) REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS**
- 7) REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**
- 8) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 9) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 10) ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
May 3, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Vice Chair Yost. The meeting was held at the Betty Lou Lamoreaux Juvenile Justice Center, 341 The City Drive, Orange, California, in the second floor Commission Conference Room.

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: Amy Crowley
Judy Johnson (MS Teams)
Silvestre Lopez (MS Teams)
Wyatt McClean
Jan Sturla
MaryLou Vachet
Steve Winder
Dolores Yost, Vice Chair

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Lynda Perring, Chair
Marcy Garfias

STAFF: Lii Toelupe, Executive Administrative Assistant
Taeona Beechum, Legal Processing Specialist

GUESTS: Melissa Del Rio, Court Operations Manager, Juvenile Court
Katie David, Deputy District Attorney
Arlene Speiser, Public Defender (Juvenile Dependency)
Dana Stits, County Counsel
Chief Daniel Hernandez, Probation Department
Commander Kirsten Monteleone, Orange County Sheriff's Department
Chief David Valentin, Santa Ana Police Department
Chief Sergio Mancilla, Santa Ana School Police Department
Jyothi Alturi, Director of Children & Family Services, Kristi Fiskum, Deputy Director of Children & Family Services, Mahonri Sapiga, Administrative Manager of Orangewood Children & Family Center
Alicia Lemire, Program Manager, HCA Children & Youth Behavioral Health
Grace Lizardo, Program Manager, HCA Juvenile Health Services
Raina Lee, Department of Education Institutional Schools
Vern Burton, Assistant Superintendent, Access Schools, DOE Institutional Schools
Jenny Leon, Chief Program Officer, CASA
Nazly Restrepo, Associate Director, Project Youth Orange County
Mari Duque, Law Offices of Harold LaFlamme

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 19, 2023, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

COMMENTS BY JUVENILE COURT

Melissa Del Rio, Court Operations Manager provided a brief update. Judge Swain is now covering Department L33 for Judge Keough.

COMMENTS BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Katie David, Deputy District Attorney, stated she is newly assigned and gave a brief introduction.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC DEFENDER (JUVENILE JUSTICE)

Arlene Speiser, Public Defender, reported that mental health challenges among the youth population, but they continue to provide paralegal and resource support to families. Arlene Speiser also reported Richard Chung is the new attorney supervisor for Juvenile Dependency.

COMMENTS BY COUNTY COUNSEL

Dana Stits, Supervising Deputy, reported it has been a challenge recruiting for Dependency, but currently hired four law students as interns.

COMMENTS BY ORANGE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Probation Chief Daniel Hernandez reported their youth council has shown great success in planning and organizing events. Chief Hernandez also reported that they are acquiring mobile reporting vehicles to help youth with transportation to regional offices.

COMMENTS BY ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Commander Kirsten Monteleone reported their SMART (School Mobile Assessment Resource) Team has responded to 74 school threat assessments between 2018-2019 and they continue to hold monthly meetings at schools about child safety.

COMMENTS BY SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief David Valentin reported no current updates.

COMMENTS BY SANTA ANA SCHOOL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Sergio Mancilla reported they have an upcoming CAST (Child Abuse Services Team) review. They are also looking to collaborate with the CSEC (Commercially Sexually Exploited Children) team.

COMMENTS BY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY (SSA)

Jyothi Atluri, Director of Family Services, and Kristi Fiskum, Deputy Director of Children & Family Services reported SSA is working towards providing placement stability. They also currently have an on boarding court training program for new social workers.

Mahonri Sapiga, Administrative of Orangewood Children & Family Center reported they currently house 65 youth. They are working with probation to help with the increased number of away from care incidences. Mahonri Sapiga also reported the clinical evaluation and guidance unit (CEGU) has been very helpful in hosting classes on self-care and mental health.

COMMENTS BY HEALTH CARE AGENCY, CHILDREN & YOUTH BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH

Alicia Lemire, Division Manager, provided a brief update and reported they currently have 7 substances abuse intensive outpatient treatment facilities.

COMMENTS BY HEALTHCARE AGENCY, JUVENILE HEALTH SERVICES

Grace Lizardo, Program Manager, reported they are currently testing for COVID on intake and post visit. They are also providing an in-service on Narcan and Opioid use to youth who are 12 years and older.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS

Raina Lee reported Foster Youth held their 14th annual college career fair. In attendance were youth from Orangewood and STRTP's.

Vern Burton, Assistant Director, reported a new coordinator to start by July 2023.

COMMENTS BY CASA

Jenny Leon, Chief Officer, reported CASA is hosting a conference on June 24, 2023, with keynote speaker David Ambrose.

COMMENTS BY PROJECT YOUTH – ORANGE COUNTY (OC)

Nazly Restrepo, Social Director reported Project Youth will collaborate with local community partners to host their 2nd Youth Resource Fair on June 22, 2023.

COMMENTS BY LAW OFFICE OF HAROLD LAFLAMME – YOUTHS COUNSEL

Mari Duque, Executive Director provided a brief update and reported 3 new attorneys have been hired. Their goal is to have a least two attorneys per courtroom.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was reviewed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. EDUCATION

- a. Commissioner Winder gave a brief update of the Education Meeting held on April 25, 2023, with Vern Burton. YGC/YLA will soon have a new assistant director.
- b. Commissioner Winder and Vachet provided a brief overview of the meeting with YGC staff Jim Perez and Erick Bieger on April 28, 2023. A data sheet with class closures was provided to the committee.
- c. Commissioner Winder provided an update of the WASC meeting held on May 2, 2023. Commissioner Winder reported focus groups are being established.

B. JJC/PROBATION BOOK CLUB

Commissioner Crowley reported the 1st book participants will be receiving certificates and are currently reading their 3rd book entitled "Mans Search for Meaning" by Viktor Frankl. The 2nd book club is writing their master plan and is reading their 2nd book entitled "Never Finished" by David Goggins.

C. Law Enforcement Agency Inspections

Commissioner Yost provided an update regarding inspection scheduling. Half of the inspection sites have been confirmed for visit and the other sites are pending confirmation.

REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS

Commissioner Vachet provided an overview of the New Alternatives CRF inspection on April 25, 2023. Commissioner Vachet reported a clinical director was present, and the site did not have any corrective action notices.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Executive Committee Meeting

Commissioner Sturla provided a brief overview of the executive committee meeting held on April 13, 2023. Commissioner Sturla reported the commissioners discussed school issues with Judge Arthur and they have agreed to provide notes to him regarding future meetings.

Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Forum Quarterly Meeting

The STRTP Forum Quarterly Meeting is tabled to the next JJC meeting on May 17, 2023.

Continuum of Care Reform Coordination Steering Committee (CCR SOC)

Commissioner Winder provided a brief update of the CCR SOC meeting held on April 27, 2023. A new facility will be opening in Mission Viejo.

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Subcommittee Placement & Resources

Commissioner Winder provided an update of the CSEC meeting held on April 27, 2023. The CSEC team is working towards expanding their support to high-risk youth.

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) Meeting

Commissioner Winder gave a brief overview of the JJCC meeting held on April 27, 2023. A plan for applications is being drafted for those who are requesting funds.

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) Ad Hoc Meeting

Commissioner Winder provided an overview of the meeting held on May 1, 2023. Working committees are being established for funding purposes.

Car Show – Youth Council

Commissioner Crowley reported the Youth Council hosted a Car Show held on April 23, 2023. There were a variety of over 50 cars. The commissioners who attended were presented with certificates of appreciation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioners Vachet, Winder and Yost plan to visit the Stanton Sheriff's Department on May 5, 2023.

Commissioners Crowley, Johnson, Lopez, Vachet, and Winder are planning to visit the Orangewood Children & Family Center (OCFC) on May 10, 2023.

Commissioners Vachet and Winder plan to visit the Costa Mesa Police Department on May 12, 2023.

Commissioners Johnson, McClean and Vachet are planning to attend the Foster Family Agency FFA/RFA Forum webinar on May 16, 2023.

Commissioners Sturla and Yost plan to attend the Ward Death Review webinar on May 17, 2023.

Commissioner Sturla plans to attend the Child Abuse Services Team Policy Board (CAST) webinar on May 18, 2023.

Commissioners McClean, Sturla and Vachet are planning to visit the Santa Ana Police Department and the Santa Ana Unified School District Police Department on May 19, 2023.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Commission discussed some topics of interest.

CLOSED SESSION

The executive session was convened from 11:46 - 11:48 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Dolores Yost

Dolores Yost, Vice Chair